

SNAELDA

Hook - Brass Bottle tube

Tail - Yellow Bucktail

3 strands Pearl Krystal

Orange Bucktail

3 strands Silver Krystal

Rib - Medium Silver oval

Body - Black Wool or Chenille

Hackle - Black cock



Secure the tube in the vice. Tie in the black thread and wind to the end of the tapered portion of the tube. Prepare a bunch of Yellow Bucktail and tie in to the length you want the finished fly. Tie in three strands Pearl Krystal Flash to the same length on top. Rotate the tube and do the same with Orange Bucktail and three strands of Silver Krystal Flash. Bind down the waste ends to the middle of the tube and trim off. This will help create the carrot shaped body. Take the thread back to the tail tying in a length of Silver Oval and a length of Black Wool. Wax the thread well and wind to the head. Wind the wool tightly up to here to form the body. Rib the body with the tinsel very tightly, tie in and trim the waste Tie in a webby Black short fibred cock hackle, or hen, and wind three turns as a collar. Sweep the hackle back and form a neat head and whip finish. Apply a coat of superglue and the several coats of clear varnish.

I believe this is the original dressing but it has spawned lots of other colour combinations since.

Some variants

